

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-8, 11-15, 20-22, 24-25, 27-28, 30-31, and 33 remain in this application. Claims 1-3, 9-10, 16-19, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31 and 32 have been canceled.

Applicants reserve the right to file and prosecute one or more continuation applications directed toward the herein-canceled claims.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 20, 24, 27, 30 and 33 are directed to allowable subject matter. These claims have been rewritten, herein, in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is submitted that claims which depend from such rewritten claims are allowable, as well, due at least in part to their dependence on claims which have been indicated by the examiner as allowable.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

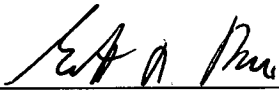
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested. If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. **01-2213 (Order No. 5135)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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